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TO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, EAID, MT

SUBJECT: MINTOFF REQUEST FOR LOANS FOR MARSAXLOKK

REF: VALLETTA 1273

1. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF MINTOFF'S STRONG DESIRE FOR AN
EARLY RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST OF USG EXCESS PROPERTY FOR
THE MARSAXLOKK PROJECT, BUT NO DEFINITIVE ANSWER IS
POSSIBLE UNTIL GOM SUBMITS A LIST OF THE ITEMS DESIRED.
YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE OUTLOOK FOR MALTESE
ACQUISITION OF US EXCESS PROPERTY IS VERY BLEAK ON SALES
AND EVEN BLEAKER ON CREDITS.

2. A MAJOR OBSTACLE TO MINTOFF'S REQUEST LIES IN THE FACT
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THAT ITEMS REQUESTED BY THE GOM IN RECENT YEARS HAVE NOT
BEEN AVAILABLE. THE USG DOES NOT NORMALLY GENERATE THE
ITEMS MALTA REQUIRES FOR THE MARSAXLOKK PROJECT AND IS
UNLIKELY TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE.

3. AVAILABILITY OF LANDING CRAFT AS EXCESS PROPERTY IS
ALSO VERY UNLIKELY AS SUCH ITEMS MUST BE OFFERED TO US

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES BEFORE BEING MADE
AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES. SUCH ITEMS ARE VERY MUCH

IN DEMAND AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL AND ARE THEREFORE
UNLIKELY TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGN PURCHASE.

4. AS FOR CREDITS, MALTA DOES NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OR SSA FOR EITHER EXCESS OR NEW
EQUIPMENT. AN APPROACH COULD BE MADE TO EXIMBANK TO HELP
FINANCE EXPORT OF GOODS AND SERVICES OF U.S. ORIGIN FOR
MARSAXLOKK PROJECT.

5. YOU SHOULD ENSURE THAT GOM AND MINTOFF UNDERSTAND THAT
U.S. ASSISTANCE IS UNLIKELY. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED
THAT MINTOFF MAY HAVE UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS. (FYI:
AGIUS INFORMED DEPARTMENT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS THAT MALTA'S
REACTION TO PRESIDENTIAL LETTER WAS EXTREMELY FAVORABLE.
AGIUS ADDED HIS PERSONAL REPEAT PERSONAL VIEW THAT
LETTER CONSTITUTES A "PROMISE" OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO
MALTA. END FYI) VANCE

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